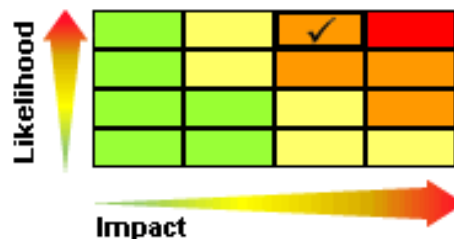
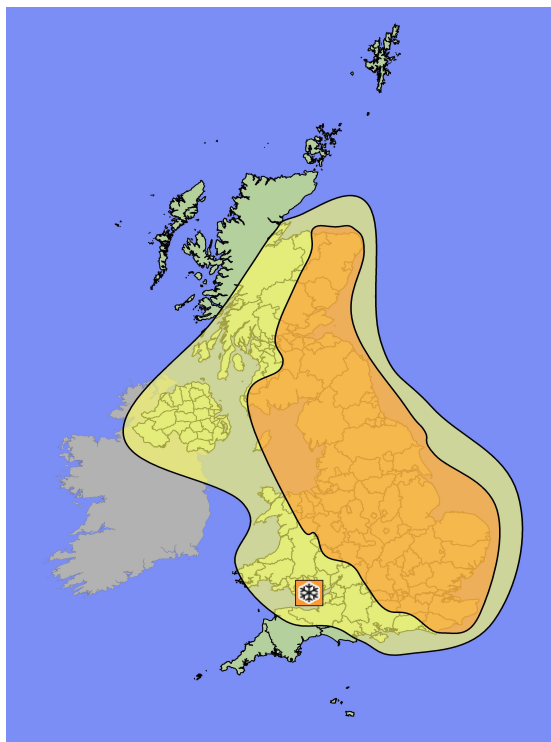




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

Atlantic frontal systems are beginning to move eastwards into the UK. As they do so they are encountering the very cold air mass currently over us. This will lead to the associated precipitation turning to sleet and snow, at least for a time, in many places away from far western and southwestern coastal areas. During this afternoon and evening clearer conditions will follow to Scotland, Northern Ireland and then the north of England and the north of Wales. With surface temperatures close to or below freezing widespread ice will rapidly form on untreated surfaces, especially after dark.

For many places this could be the most significant snow event of the winter so far.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning of Snow**

Valid from **11:45 on Sat, 04th Feb 2012** until **23:59 on Sat, 04th Feb 2012**

A band of wet weather over western parts of the United Kingdom on Saturday morning will move slowly east and southeastwards across the United Kingdom during the day. As it does so it will readily turn to sleet and snow away from western and southwestern coastal areas giving accumulations of 2-5cm in places and 5-10cm widely across parts of central and eastern England. The snow is expected to turn to rain over some northwestern areas later. As skies then clear in this area after dark, widespread icy patches will develop across parts of eastern and southern Scotland and northern Wales and northern England. The public are advised to take extra care and that the ice and snow is likely to lead to travel disruption.

For more details please go to:

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